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1. AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE APRIL 5, NORWAY'S PRIME MINISTER ODVAR NORDLI WAS ASKED WHAT HE THOUGHT ABOUT FACT A COMPANY IN PORTUGAL WITH NORWEGIAN OWNERSHIP INTERESTS WAS THREATENING TO LAY OFF WORKERS, WHILE NORWEGIAN AUTHORITIES WERE GIVING SIGNIFICANT HELP TO PORTUGAL AND THE SAME NORWEGIAN OWNERSHIP INTERESTS WERE RECEIVING ECONOMIC SUPPORT FROM THE NORWEGIAN STATE. NORDLI ANSWERED THT IT WOULD BE VERY WORRISOME IF A COMPANY WITH NORWEGIAN OWNERSHIP INTERESTS SHOULD THREATEN TO INCREASE UNEMPLOYMENT IN PORTUGAL NOW. THIS WOULD CONFLICT DIAMETRICALLY WITH NORWAY'S GOVERNMENT'S POLICY TO HELP PORTUGAL. THE COMPANY IN QUESTION IS IN ANOTHER COUNTRY AND IT IS FIRST UP TO THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT TO REACT, HE SAID. IF THAT HAPPENS, NORWAY'S GOVERNMENT WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS RELEVANT MEASURES BOTH WITH THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT AND WITH THE COMPANY INVOLVED.

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2. NORDLI'S ANSWER HAS HGIHLIGHTED IN OSLO LABOR DAILY
"ARBEIDERBLADET" APRIL 6 WITH THE COMMENT THAT, IN
VIEW OF THE SUPPORT FRED OLSEN'S ENTERPRISES RECEIVED
FROM THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT, NORDLI'S REMARKS WOULD
GIVE OLSEN CAUSE TO THINK SITUATION OVER AGAIN CAREFULLY
BEFORE HE LAYS WORKERS OFF IN PORTUGAL.
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